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FOR AMBASSADOR MARSHALL GREEN FROM NELSON

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SUBJECT: YOUR MANILA INTERVIEW

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1. WE ARE WORKING WITH ARA/P TO GET ASSOCIATED PRESS
RELEASE USED BY MEXICO CITY PAPERS IN FRONT PAGE ARTICLES
SUMMARIZED IN REFTEL (FORWARDED TO JAKARTA). WILL SEND
FULL TEXT SEPTTEL. HOWEVER, BELIEVE YOU SHOULD HAVE AP
RELEASE OF JAN. 27 WHICH, TO OUR BEST KNOWLEDGE, DID
NOT APPEAR IN U.S. PRESS, ALTHOUGH A SUMMARY WAS USED ON
LOCAL RADIO.

QUOTE: POPULATION TURMOIL
MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES (AP) -- THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S MAN
IN CHARGE OF POPULATION AFFAIRS SAID TODAY THAT ECONOMICALLY
DESPERATE COUNTRIES COULD BE DRIVEN BY OVERPOPULATION TO
USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

MARSHALL GREEN, THE FIRST AMERICAN DIPLOMAT SPECIFICALLY
ASSIGNED TO STUDY WORLD POPULATION PROBLEMS, SAID, "THE
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PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ... IS THE GREATEST

THREAT TO THE WORLD."

"IF THEY PASS INTO THE HANDS OF COUNTRIES THAT ARE ECONOMICALLY DESPERATE, THAT CAN'T RUN THEMSELVES AND ARE SUBJECT TO IRRATIONAL DECISIONS, THIS COULD BLOW UP THE WHOLE WORLD," GREEN SAID IN AN INTERVIEW BEFORE HE LEFT MANILA ON AN ASIAN TOUR.

"THAT IS WHY I SAY THE POPULATION ISSUE IS SO CRITICAL," GREEN SAID. "OTHER ISSUES TEND TO PALE IN COMPARISON WITH THIS ONE."

AMONG THE COUNTRIES HE WILL VISIT IS INDIA, WHICH HAS EXPLODED AN ATOMIC DEVICE.

GREEN NOTED THAT INDIA'S PUNJAB STATE WAS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF ENFORCED STERILIZATION AND SAID, "IT MAY NOT COME TO THAT. I HOPE IT DOESN'T. THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO THINK IT WILL."

END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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